

REMARKS

This communication is intended to supplement our responses to Office action mailed 25 July 2003 (the "Office Action").

We filed a substantive amendment and a response to the Office Action on October 20, 2003. On January 22, 2004, we filed a Supplemental Response to the Office Action. In a communication mailed on April 19, 2004, the Examiner pointed out that the responses did not point out the patentable novelty of the new claims presented in the amendment. We apologize for the incompleteness of the responses, and thank the Examiner for pointing this deficiency to us and granting a one-month period for supplementing the responses. This document is being filed timely within the one-month period. Therefore, no extension of time fees are due.

Independent claim 109 is believed to be patentable over the art disclosed by the references cited because the references appear not to disclose a method of simulating a game accessory, including an instruction to determine an outcome associated with a specific game player being inputted into a wireless telephone, and using a random number generator at the same telephone to determine a signal representing the outcome to send to each of a number of wireless telephones, for display, wherein a DTMF signal representing the outcome is sent from the telephone where the instruction was inputted.

Independent claim 117 is an apparatus claim similar to the independent method claim 109 discussed above. It is believed to be patentable over the art disclosed by the references cited because the references appear not to disclose apparatus for simulating a game accessory, including a combination of means for inputting an instruction to determine an outcome associated with a specific game player into a wireless telephone, and means for randomly determining, using a random number generator at the same telephone, a signal representing the outcome to send to each of a number of wireless telephones, for display on the telephones, wherein a DTMF signal representing the outcome is transmitted from the telephone where the instruction was inputted.

Independent claim 125 is believed to be patentable over the art disclosed by the references cited because the references appear not to disclose a method of simulating a game accessory as defined by the limitations of the claim. Specifically, it is believed that the art does not disclose the steps of inputting an instruction to determine an outcome at a wireless telephone, and using a random number generator in the same telephone to randomly determine a signal representative of the outcome to be sent to other wireless telephones, for display (this is similar to the steps of claim 109, discussed above). Independent claim 125 also recites defining identifiers to differentiate between the wireless telephones, determining at each of the wireless telephones the origin of the signal representing the outcome, and indicating the outcome and the identifier of the originating wireless telephone.

Independent claim 132 is an apparatus claim similar to the independent method claim 125 discussed above. It is believed to be patentable over the art disclosed by the references cited because the references appear not to disclose an apparatus for simulating a game accessory used by a plurality of game players to play a game, including a combination of means for defining a plurality

of identifiers, means for inputting, a random number generator, means for determining, and means for indicating. The means for defining allows defining a plurality of identifiers used to differentiate between a plurality of wireless telephones connected via a communications link. The means for inputting allows an instruction to determine an outcome associated with a specific one of the game players to be inputted at one of the wireless telephones. The random number generator is located at the wireless telephone where the instruction is inputted. The generator allows randomly determining a signal representing the outcome. The signal is sent to each of the wireless telephones, for display. A DTMF signal representing said outcome is transmitted over the communications link. The means for determining allows determining the telephone originating the signal, while the means for indicating allows indicating, at each of said wireless telephones, the outcome and an identifier of the wireless telephone from which the signal originated.

Independent claim 139 is believed to be patentable over the art disclosed by the references cited because the references appear not to disclose a method of simulating a game accessory, including an instruction to determine an outcome associated with a specific game player being inputted into a wireless telephone, and using a number generator at the same telephone to determine a signal representing the outcome. The signal is sent to each of a number of wireless telephones, for display.

Independent claim 145 is an apparatus claim similar to the independent method claim 139 discussed above. It is believed to be patentable over the art disclosed by the references cited because the references appear not to disclose apparatus for simulating a game accessory, including a combination of means for inputting an instruction to determine an outcome associated with a specific game player into a wireless telephone, and means for determining, using a random number generator

at the same telephone, a signal representing the outcome to be sent to each of a number of wireless telephones, for display.

Independent claim 151 is believed to be patentable over the art disclosed by the references cited because the references appear not to disclose a wireless telephone for simulating a game accessory used by a plurality of game players to play a game, including a combination of means for inputting, a random number generator, a signal generator, and means for displaying. The means for inputting allows inputting an instruction to determine an outcome associated with one of the game players. The random number generator is used to randomly determine a signal representative of the outcome. According to this claim, the random number generator is used to determine the signal internally, *i.e.*, without interfacing with devices external to the telephone. The signal generator is used to transmit a DTMF signal representing the outcome over a communications link. The means for displaying displays the outcome using a color that identifies the specific game player who is associated with the outcome.

Independent claim 152 is believed to be patentable over the art disclosed by the references cited because the references appear not to disclose a method of simulating a game accessory, wherein an instruction to determine an outcome associated with a specific game player is inputted, and a signal representing the outcome is randomly determined. The outcome is then displayed using a color that identifies the specific game player.

Independent claim 153 is believed to be patentable over the art disclosed by the references cited because the references appear not to disclose a wireless telephone for simulating a game accessory used by a plurality of game players to play a game, wherein the telephone includes a combination of means for decoding a DTMF signal representing a randomly determined outcome,

which signal is received from another wireless telephone via a communications link, and means for displaying the outcome using a color that identifies the game player associated with the outcome.

Dependent claims 110-116, 118-124, 126-131, 133-138, 140-144, 146-150, and 154 are patentable together with their base claims and intervening claims, if any.

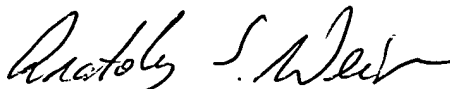
CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, and the reasons given in the responses filed on October 20, 2003, and on January 22, 2004, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all claims.

To discuss any matter pertaining to the instant Application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (858) 720-9431.

Respectfully submitted,

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